March 31, 2003

## Dear Sir/Madam:

**BLACK SCIENTISTS** 

The National Institutes of Health Black Scientists Association (NIHBSA) requests your assistance in identifying candidates for the Cheryl Torrence-Campbell Scholarship. This scholarship was established by the NIHBSA in an effort to support students interested in careers in biomedical research. It is named in honor of one of our founding members, Dr. Cheryl Torrence-Campbell, who was a dedicated teacher, mentor and role model for minority students. She influenced many to pursue careers in biomedical research.

Scholarships of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) each will be awarded to two deserving students who meet the following criteria:

- Belong to an ethnic or racial group underrepresented in the field of biomedical research
- Graduating senior attending a high school in the District of Columbia (public or private)
- Accepted into an accredited college or university
- Plan to major in one of the sciences

Preference will be given to students who are financially disadvantaged.

Please distribute copies of this letter and the application form to students meeting the criteria listed above. If you have questions regarding the scholarship or would like more information regarding our organization, please visit our website at <a href="http://bsa.od.nih.gov">http://bsa.od.nih.gov</a>.

Candidates should complete the attached application form and provide proof of family income. Information submitted for review will remain confidential, and shared only with the members of the review committee. Financial documents and transcripts will be destroyed following awarding of the scholarship. Application packages must be postmarked by May 1, 2003. Semifinalists will be interviewed, with the two Cheryl Torrence-Campbell Scholarship finalists awarded in July of 2003, during a ceremony at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

We thank you for your assistance with this very important project.

Sincerely,

Alfred C. Johnson, Ph.D. President, NIH Black Scientists Association

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